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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN CONGRESS ADJOURNS

1. CONGRESS ADJOURNED AUGUST 5 ENDING AN ACTIVE SESSION WHICH BEGAN MARCH 2 AND INCLUDED A THIRTY DAY PROLONGATION TO CONCLUDE PENDING BUSINESS.

2. THE SESSION WAS NOTABLE FOR THE NUMBER OF LAWS PASSED DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF VENEZUELA'S WORKING CLASS. THESE INCLUDED A LAW AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT PEREZ EXTRAORDINARY POWERS IN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, A LAW TO PROMOTE SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED INDUSTRY, A LAW FOR THE REMISSION AND CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL DEBTS, A LAW PROHIBITING UNJUSTIFIED DISMISSALS, A LAW TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND A LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSUMER.

3. THE FULL CONGRESS WILL RECONVENE IN OCTOBER. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN UP AT THAT TIME INCLUDE THE REFORM OF THE PENAL CODE AND THE CODE OF CRIMINAL TRIAL PROCEDURE.

4. COMMENT: UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S EXTRAORDINARY POWERS, MENTIONED ABOVE, MORE THAN 200 DECREES WERE ISSUED DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE ADMINISTRATIONS ECONOMIC POLICIES, THUS GIVING SUBSTANCE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ' CAMPAIGN THEME, "DEMOCRACY WITH ENERGY."

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